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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Yasuhiro SHIMADA et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2881
Application No.: 09/819,906	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5368
Filed: March 29, 2001	)	
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For: ELECTRON OPTICAL SYSTEM ARRAY,	)	
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE	:	September 2, 2004
SAME, CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM	)	
EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE	:	
MANUFACTURING METHOD	)	

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 23, 2001, January 29, 2003, June 4, 2003, October 14, 2003, November 6, 2003, December 12, 2003, January 30, 2004, April 29, 2004, and July 29, 2004, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The listed document was cited during prosecution of copending U.S. patent application number 10/454,576, filed June 5, 2003, and published as U.S. publication number 2003/0209673 on November 13, 2003, a copy of which was previously submitted in this application.

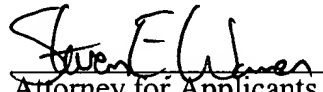
Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such

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